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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Anja BLONDEEL et al.  
Title: CONTACTING OF AN ELECTRODE WITH A SUBSTANCE IN  
VACUUM  
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the species A1, B3, and A4, for prosecution in the subject application. By virtue of selecting species A1 (the electrode is a cathode), an election of species II is not required because species II applies to anodes. At least claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15 can be read on the elected species. At least claims 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are generic.

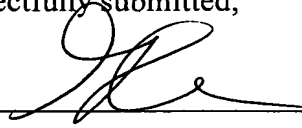
Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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